

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2014-346-WS - ORDER NO. 2021-192  
MARCH 30, 2021

IN RE:	Application of Daufuskie Island Utility	)	ORDER APPROVING
	Company, Incorporated for Approval of an	)	PROPOSED NOTICE
	Increase for Water and Sewer Rates, Terms	)	
	and Conditions	)	

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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“the Commission”) with regard to the Public Notice proposed by Daufuskie Island Utility Company, Inc. (“DIUC” or “the Company”) in the upcoming procedure on proposed reparations, pursuant to Commission Order No. 2021-132 in this Docket. We note that, although this Commission gave DIUC and the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) the opportunity to agree on the contents of such Notice, the two parties were unable to do so.

ORS raised two points about the proposed Public Notice. First, ORS argues that the Notice should contain a calculation of the maximum amount that any customer could pay in reparations in the form of a surcharge, in addition to the average amount of surcharge as proposed by the Company. Second, ORS states that there should be a date established by which persons could intervene in the matter, if so desired. ORS characterizes a reasonable date as being 30 days from the mailing date of the approved Notice by DIUC. DIUC agrees with the second proposal as to the intervention date. However, the Company argues that it is not possible to calculate a maximum amount of surcharge.

We disagree with DIUC. We hold that, if the Company can calculate an average surcharge amount, that it is also possible to calculate a maximum surcharge that a customer could receive, should this Commission approve the assessment of the surcharge to the customers.

Accordingly, as recommended by ORS, we hold that the Notice in the surcharge phase of this case shall contain a statement of the maximum amount of possible surcharge to a customer that could result under the Company's proposal, as well as the average amount of possible surcharge. Also, the Notice should contain an intervention date that is at least thirty (30) days after the mailing date of the approved Notice by the Company to its customers. As stated in Order No. 2021-132, the completed Notice shall be furnished to the other parties to the case, prior to mailing by the Company to its customers.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



  
Justin T. Williams, Chairman  
Public Service Commission of  
South Carolina